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Dear Examiner Clardy;

I am amending claim 1 per 37 CFR 1.121 (c). This amendment overcomes the 35USC rejection. Zirconium is also removed from claim 1.

My amended claim 1 is drawn to pest control compositions comprising all elements found a), b), and c). All of these elements must be found together in a pest control composition for that composition to be novel according to claim 1. The rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over the cited references is in error because together these references do not teach the element of claim 1 b). Those with ordinary skill in the art have not taught the total combination taught in my claim 1 so it could not have been obvious.

Thank you for the examination.

Sincerely,

Michael H. West